



## Transportation and Tourism Presentation

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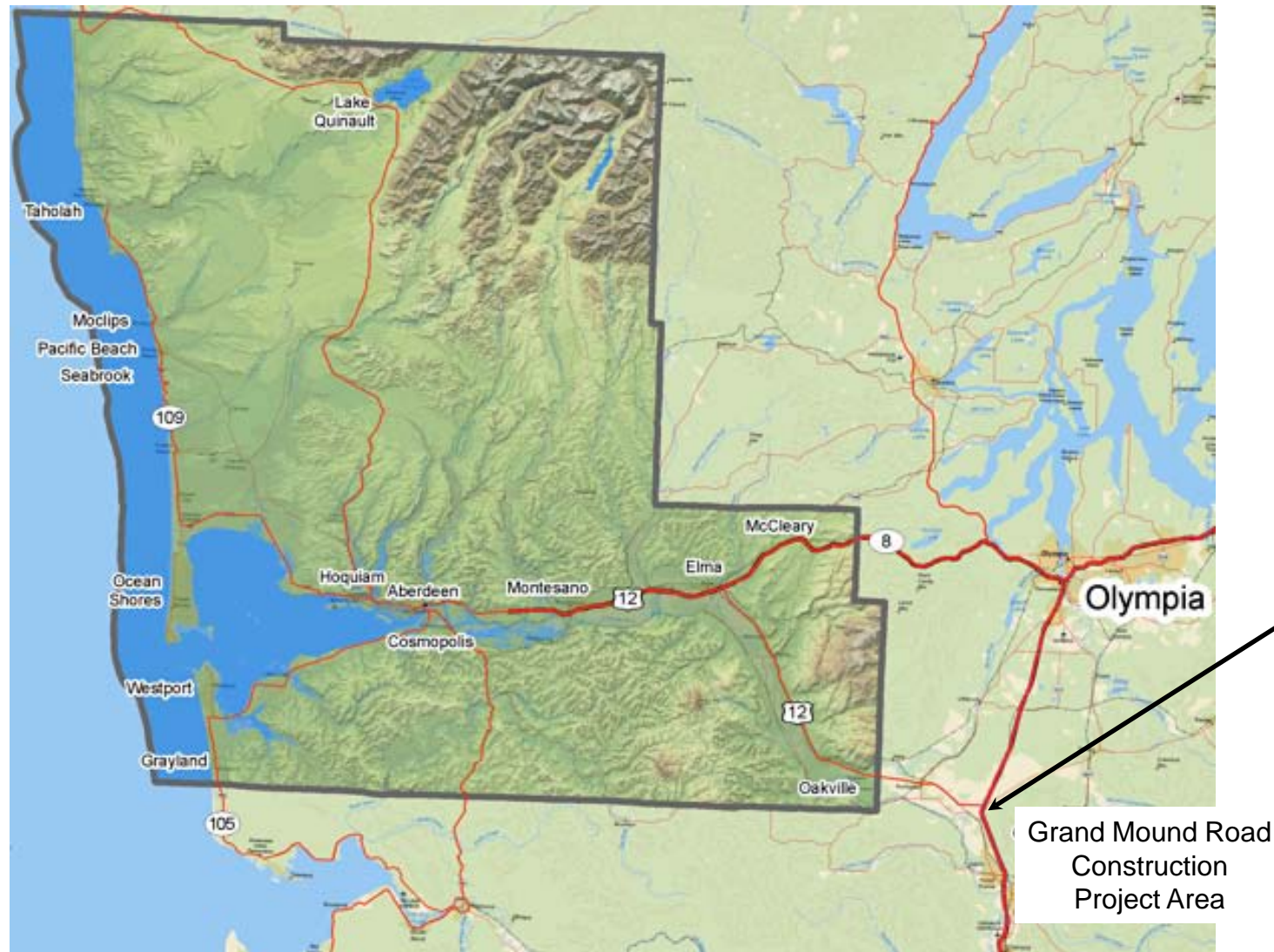
**The link between  
Transportation  
and Tourism starts outside of  
Grays Harbor County.**

# About 4.7 million people visit from the following market areas each year

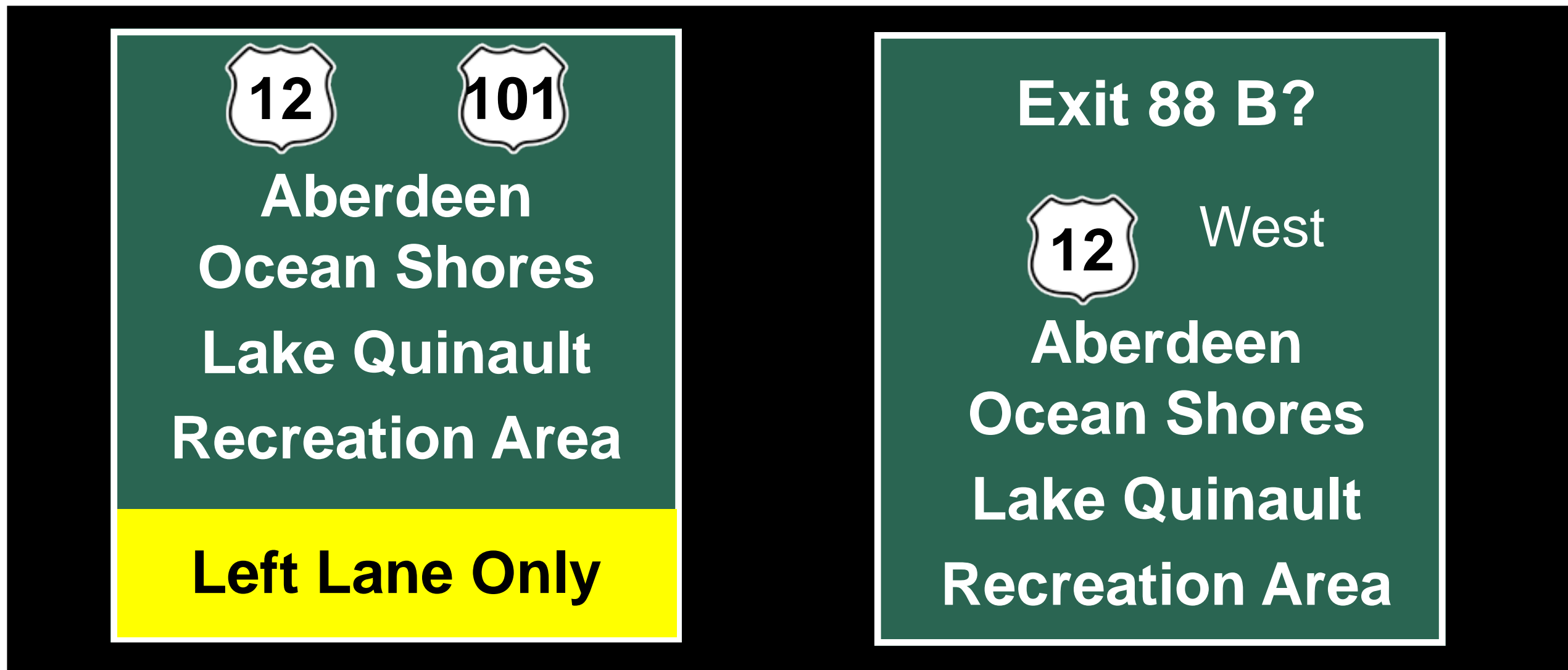
- Seattle/Tacoma
- Portland Metro
- Inland Empire - Washington (Spokane, Tri-Cities, Yakima)
- Vancouver, BC Metro

*Most all of which travel by car, truck, RV, motorcycle and bus.*

# I-5 Northbound Exit 88



# How will Getting to Grays Harbor County be identified on the new off-ramp?

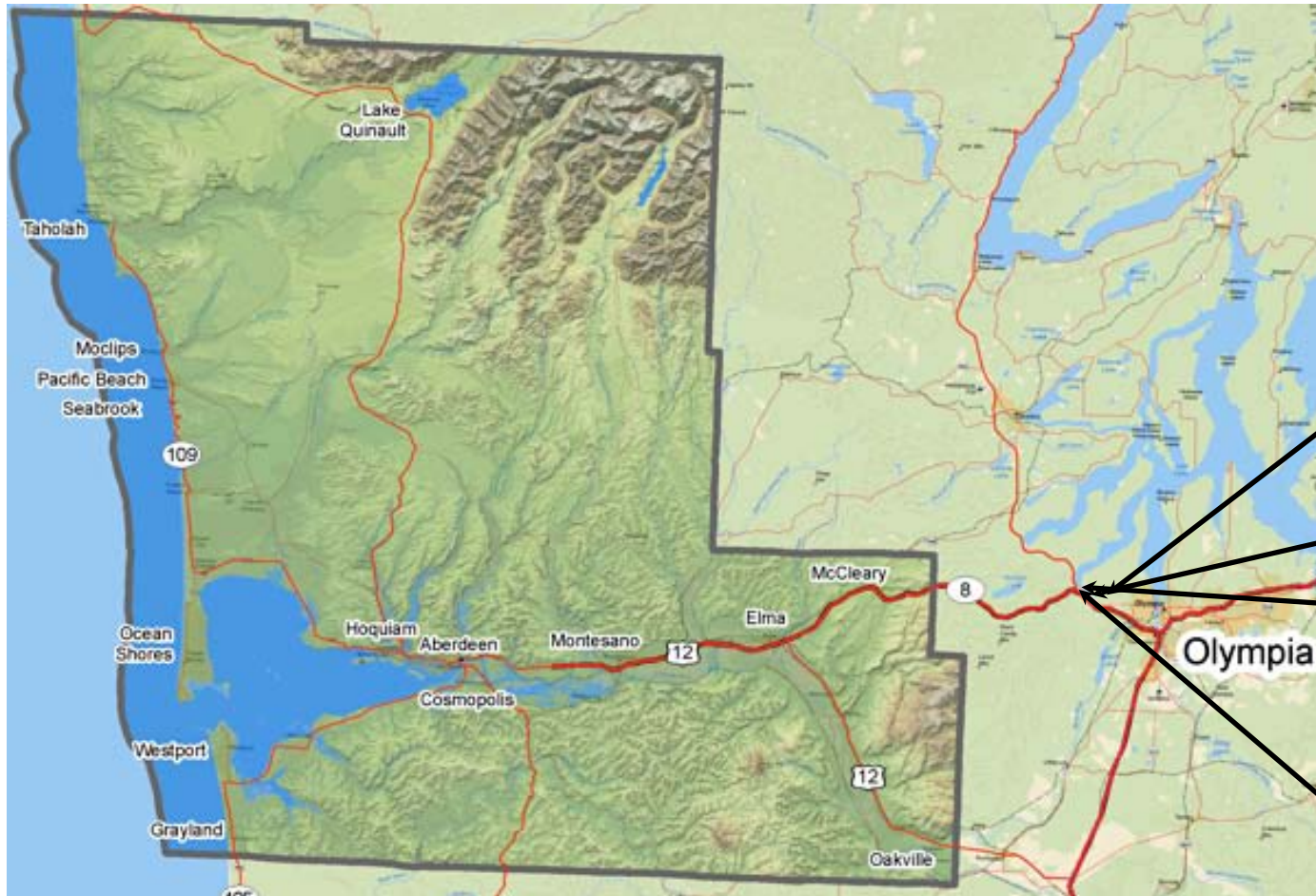


Off-ramp

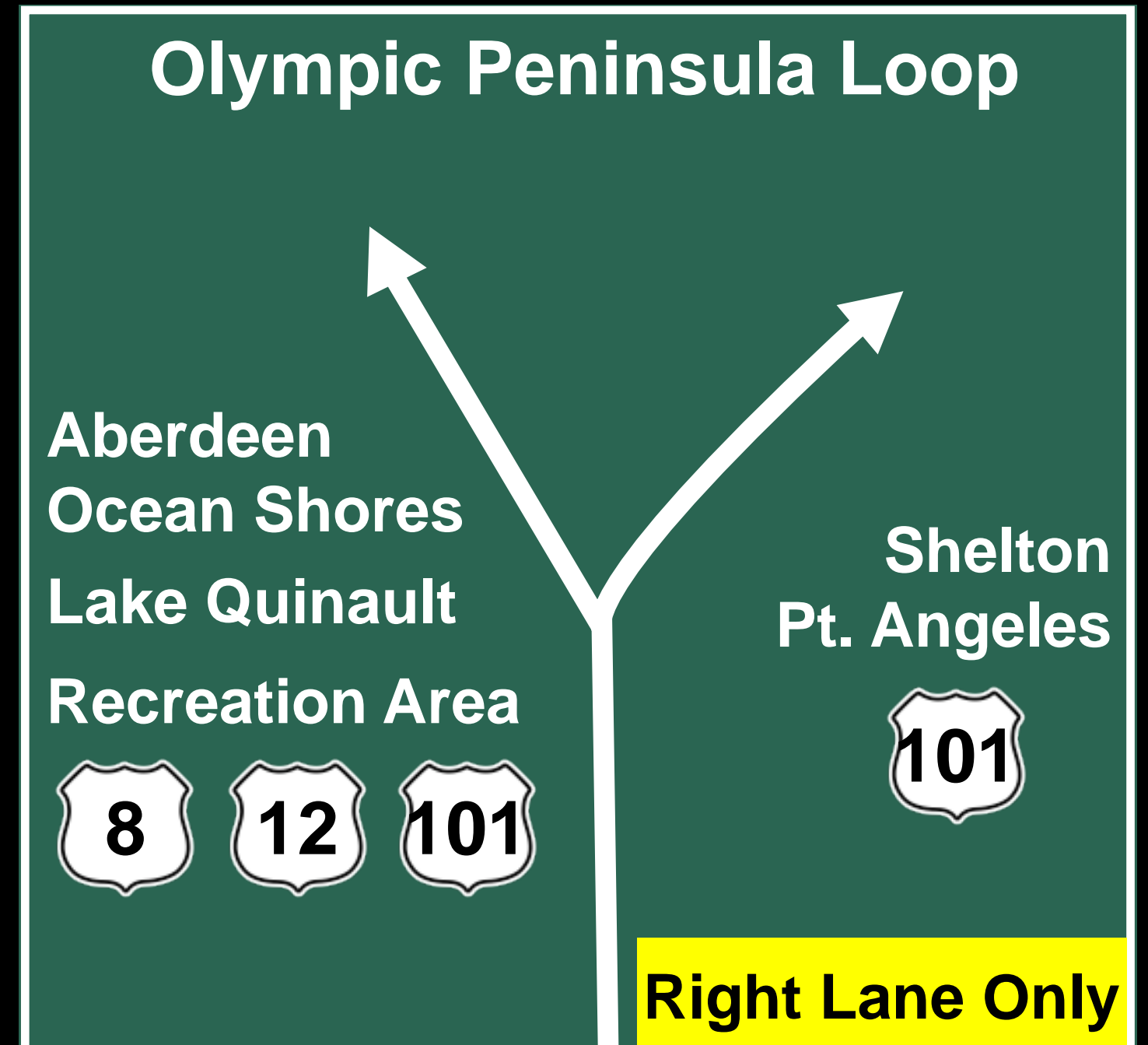
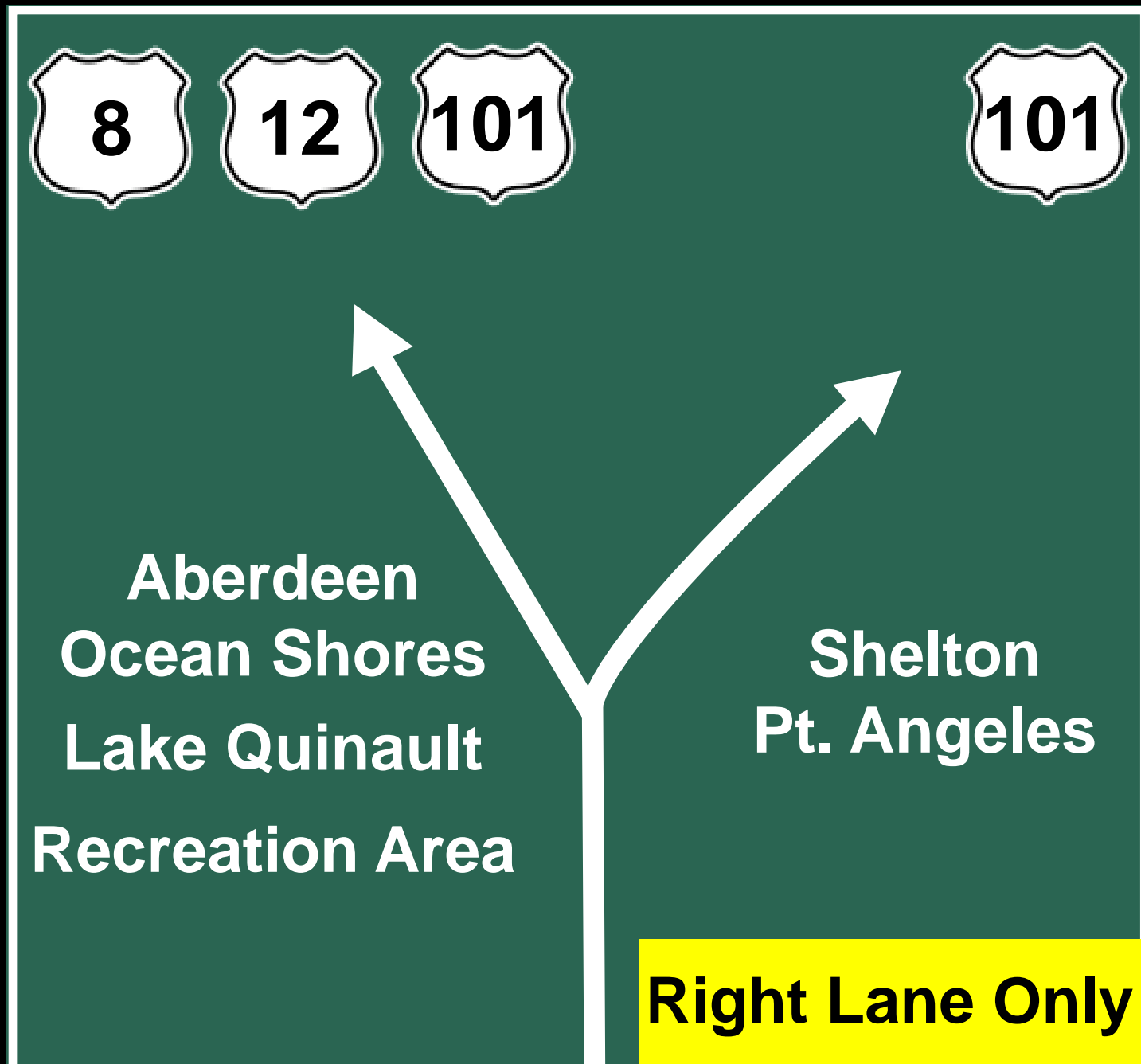


# Hwy 8 & 101

## The Mile+ of Confusion



# Is there a Better Way to Direct People with Less Signage?



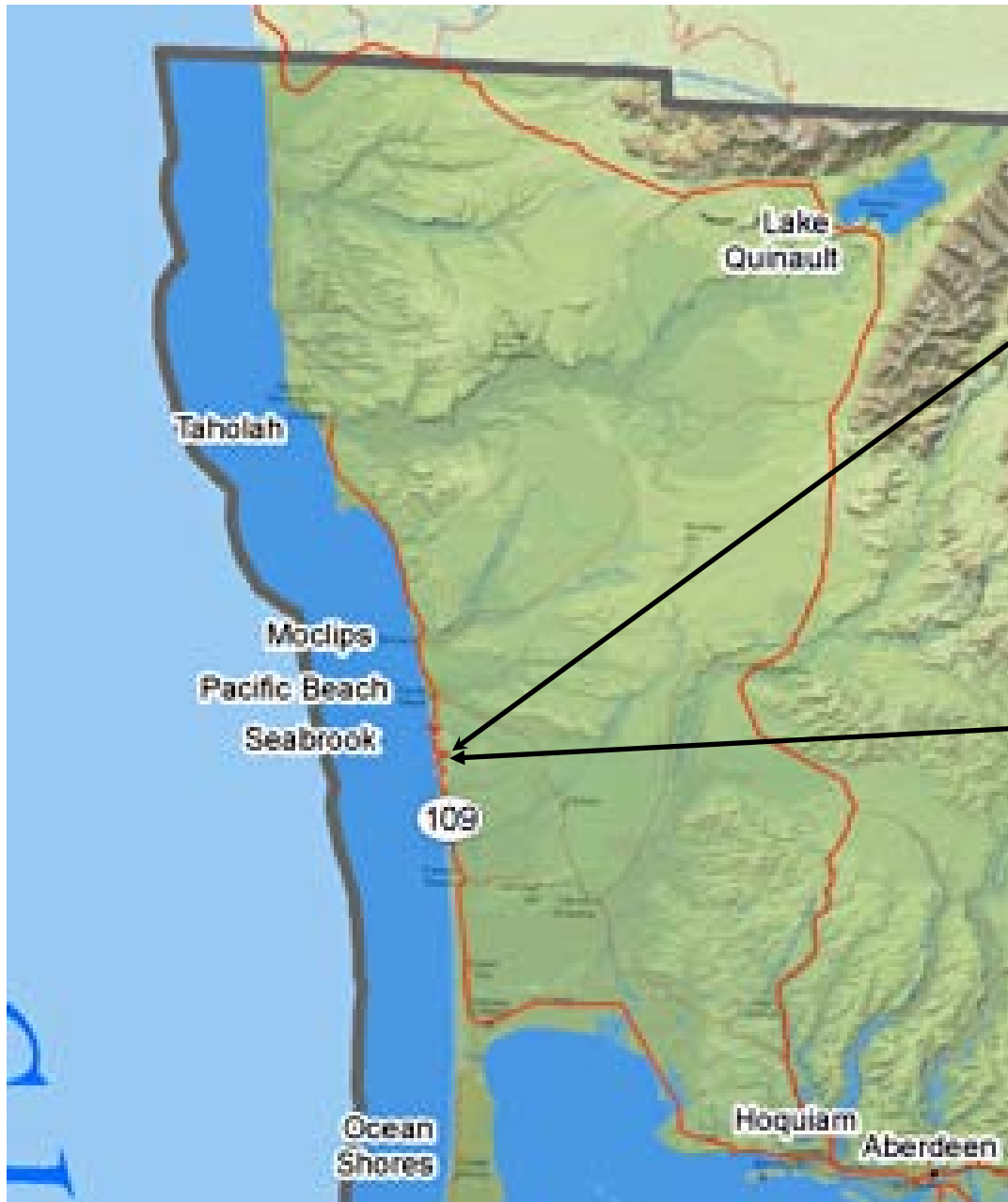
# **New Rest Area Westbound on Hwy 12 Between Elma and Montesano**



A Rest and Safety stop for travelers, and for truckers going to the expanding Port of Grays Harbor.



# Hwy 109 N. Flooding - Increase Grade?



This area is the 180 degree turn just south of Seabrook. There is water rushing over it 4+ inches deep several times per year.



Every year during storm season there are multiple days that the South bound lane is completely submerged and some days water is rushing from the East side over the road which could easily sweep a car off the road into deep standing water.



# Bike (Cycling) Safety

- Bicycle tourism is growing in Grays Harbor County.
- It would be helpful to have shoulder or easements for cyclists along coastal highway areas.

# Other Ideas

- A State level Transportation & Tourism Task Force.  
Not a group of agencies and organizations with representatives that have other objectives besides transportation and tourism, and don't even live in Grays Harbor County and think they know what is best for us.
- Increased cooperation between DOT & GHT in both print and online publications like maps etc.
- More signs for historic locations, tourist destinations and activities.
- Expand Rails to Trails (Transportation Enhancement Funds).